

Centra Blue



- Blueberry type:** Rabbit Eye
- Released:** 2011
- Key attributes:** Centra Blue is a very late cropping, medium chill variety with very good production, decent size and good eating quality. Chosen for its outstanding production with attractive bloom on the fruit, little grittiness, and an exceptionally late fruiting season. It can also be planted in very cold regions with high altitudes.
- Chilling Required:** Medium (400-600h < 7.2C).
- Flowering:** Late Spring (October) PDF = 110 Days.
- Pollinator:** Sky/Velutto Blue.
- Harvest:** Very late; start ripening first week of February until end of March. Has an extended fruiting season, depending on the climate.
- Plant Vigour:** Crown-like Rabbit eye type bush, very vigorous & precocious. Slow growth in the first year of plantings have been observed.
- Yield:** Highly productive, averaging approximately 8kg/plant on mature plants. Observed range 6-10kg/plant (20-30 ton/ha in full production from). Plants mature from the 5th year.

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Ripening:	Very late ripening. Peak harvest is from Feb - March
Berry size:	Medium to large, average 16-18mm size and averaging 2.2g.
Fruit shape:	Oblong to round
Colour/Bloom:	Light blue; average bloom.
Picking Scar:	Small/Medium dry scar.
Firmness:	Average firmness with good shelf life. Recommended for local marketing.
Flavour:	Good eating with average brix (observed range is 9.6–13.5 brix). The fruit acidity is measured as titratable acidity averaging 3.8mg/g.
Disease:	The plant does not seem to be susceptible to rust.
Patent:	https://patents.justia.com/patent/PP20515

Comparative Results		
Sky Blue	Centra Blue	Velluto Blue
Yield (Kg/bush)		
5	8	8
Berry Weight (g/berry)		
2.2	2.2	2.4
Berry Size (mm)		
15-19mm	16-18mm	16-20mm
Brix (%)		
14.3	11.4	12,8

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